

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method ~~of recording an indication of a source location at which a data element is stored, the method~~ comprising acts of:

(A) executing a set of programmed instructions on a source file to identify ~~the~~ a source location within the source file, the source location comprising at least a portion of a the source file containing ~~the~~ a data element; ~~and~~

(B) storing an indication of the source location; ~~in electronic file storage.~~

(C) receiving a request, from a user viewing a file other than the source file, to retrieve the data element at the source location; and

(D) employing the indication of the source location to retrieve the data element at the source location.

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (A) further comprises executing a ~~software application~~ set of programmed instructions to identify the source location, wherein the ~~software application~~ set of programmed instructions employs a parameter defining a characteristic of the data element.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the parameter is provided in a data structure which is accessed by the ~~software application~~ set of programmed instructions.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the characteristic comprises text which accompanies the data element within the source location.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the characteristic comprises text which represents the data element.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the set of programmed instructions identifies the source location by preliminarily identifying the source location, requesting input from a user as to whether the source location is preliminarily identified correctly, and processing the input to identify the source location.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the act of processing the input further comprises updating a characteristic of the data element.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the file comprises a plurality of characters including a first character, and the source location is identified by a number of characters from the first character.

9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the first character is at the beginning of the file.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the file comprises a plurality of lines of information including a first line of information, and the source location is identified by a number of lines from the first line of information.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first line of information is at the beginning of the file.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the file comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in a grid containing rows and columns, and the source location is identified by a pixel found at an intersection of a row and a column.

13-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) A At least one computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon, which instructions, when executed by a computer system, perform a method of ~~recording an indication of a source location at which a data element is stored, the method~~ comprising acts of:

(A) executing a set of programmed instructions on a source file to identify ~~the~~ a source location within the source file, the source location comprising at least a portion of a the source file containing ~~the~~ a data element; ~~and~~

(B) storing an indication of the source location; ~~in electronic file storage.~~

(C) receiving a request, from a user viewing a file other than the source file, to retrieve the data element at the source location; and

(D) employing the indication of the source location to retrieve the data element at the source location.

19. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the act (A) further comprises executing a ~~software application~~ set of programmed instructions to identify the source location, wherein the ~~software application~~ set of programmed instructions employs a parameter defining a characteristic of the data element.

20. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the parameter is provided in a data structure which is accessed by the ~~software application~~ set of programmed instructions.

21. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the characteristic comprises text which accompanies the data element within the source location.

22. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the characteristic comprises text which represents the data element.

23. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the set of programmed instructions identifies the source location by preliminarily identifying the source location, requesting input from a user as to whether the source location is preliminarily identified correctly, and processing the input to identify the source location.

24. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the act of processing the input further comprises updating a characteristic of the data element.

25. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the file comprises a plurality of characters including a first character, and the source location is identified by a number of characters from the first character.

26. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the first character is at the beginning of the file.

27. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the file comprises a plurality of lines of information including a first line of information, and the source location is identified by a number of lines from the first line of information.

28. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the first line of information is at the beginning of the file.

29. (Currently amended) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the file comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in a grid containing rows and columns, and the source location is identified by a pixel found at an intersection of a row and a column.

30-34. (Cancelled)

35. (Previously presented) A system, ~~for recording an indication of a source location at which a data element is stored~~, comprising:

processing means for executing a set of programmed instructions on a source file to identify ~~the~~ a source location within the source file, the source location comprising at least a portion of a the source file containing ~~the~~ a data element; ~~and~~

storage means for storing an indication of the source location; ~~in electronic file storage.~~

receipt means for receiving a request, from a user viewing a file other than the source file, to retrieve the data element at the source location; and

retrieval means for employing the indication of the source location to retrieve the data element at the source location.

36. (Currently amended) The system of claim 35, wherein the processing means further executes a ~~software-application~~ set of programmed instructions to identify the source location, wherein the ~~software-application~~ set of programmed instructions employs a parameter defining a characteristic of the data element.

37. (Currently amended) The system of claim 36, wherein the parameter is provided in a data structure which is accessed by the ~~software-application~~ set of programmed instructions.

38. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein the characteristic comprises text which accompanies the data element within the source location.

39. (Original) The system of claim 36, wherein the characteristic comprises text which represents the data element.

40. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the set of programmed instructions identifies the source location by preliminarily identifying the source location, requesting input from a user as to whether the source location is preliminarily identified correctly, and processing the input to identify the source location.

41. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein processing the input updates a characteristic of the data element.

42. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the file comprises a plurality of characters including a first character, and the source location is identified by a number of characters from the first character.

43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the first character is at the beginning of the file.

44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the file comprises a plurality of lines of information including a first line of information, and the source location is identified by a number of lines from the first line of information.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the first line of information is at the beginning of the file.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the file comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in a grid containing rows and columns, and the source location is identified by a pixel found at an intersection of a row and a column.

47-51. (Cancelled)

52. (Currently amended) A method of accessing at least one data element stored at a source location, the method comprising acts of:

(A) receiving a request from a user to access the source location, the source location comprising at least a portion of a source file containing the at least one data element, the source location having been identified via an execution of a set of programmed instructions, the source file comprising a securities filing, the request being received from a user viewing a file other than the source file;

(B) retrieving an indication of the source location from electronic file storage;

(C) processing the indication to access the source location; and

(D) presenting the at least one data element stored at the source location to the user.

53. (Currently amended) At least one computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon which, when executed in a computer system, perform a method of accessing at least one data element stored at a source location, the method comprising acts of:

(A) receiving a request from a user to access the source location, the source location comprising at least a portion of a file containing the at least one data element, the source location having been identified via an execution of a set of programmed instructions, the file comprising a securities filing, the request being received from a user viewing a file other than the source file;

- (B) retrieving an indication of the source location from electronic file storage;
- (C) processing the indication to access the source location; and
- (D) presenting the at least one data element stored at the source location to the user.

54. (Currently amended) A system for accessing at least one data element stored at a source location, the system comprising:

request receipt means for receiving a request from a user to access the source location, the source location comprising at least a portion of a file containing the at least one data element, the source location having been identified via an execution of a set of programmed instructions, the file comprising a securities filing, the request being received from a user viewing a file other than the source file;

retrieval means for retrieving an indication of the source location from electronic file storage;

processing means for processing the indication to access the source location; and

presentation means for presenting the at least one data element stored at the source location to the user.

55. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the request specifies a reference to the data element which is included within the file.

56. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (D) further comprises retrieving the source file.

57. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the file other than the source file is a web page.

58. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (C) further comprises receiving the request from a user viewing a representation of the data element in the file other than the source file.

59. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the act (B) further comprises storing the indication of the source location in electronic file storage.

60. (New) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the request specifies a reference to the data element which is included within the file.

61. (New) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the act (D) further comprises retrieving the source file.

62. (New) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the file other than the source file is a web page.

63. (New) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the act (C) further comprises receiving the request from a user viewing a representation of the data element in the file other than the source file.

64. (New) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the act (B) further comprises storing the indication of the source location in electronic file storage.

65. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the receipt means is further operable to receive a request which specifies a reference to the data element which is included within the file.

66. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the retrieval means is further operable to retrieve the source file.

67. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the receipt means is further operable to receive a request from a user viewing a web page.

68. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the receipt means is further operable to receive the request from a user viewing a representation of the data element in the file other than the source file.

69. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the storage means is further operable to store the indication of the source location in electronic file storage.